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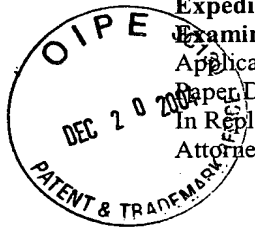
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Applicants : Akira Nakashima et al.

Filed : August 26, 2003

Title : SUBSTRATE COATED WITH SILICA-CONTAINING  
FILM WITH LOW-DIELECTRIC CONSTANT

Group Art Unit : 1712 Confirmation No. : 5958

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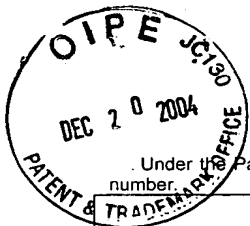
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